

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of: ) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
Kenneth Gall et. al. ) ) Examiner: Not yet assigned  
Serial No.: 10/598,080 ) )  
Filed: August 17, 2006 ) )  
Confirmation No.: 9897 ) )  
Atty. File No.: 076775-011002 ) )  
For: "A GRAFT FIXATION DEVICE AND )  
METHOD" ) )  
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**PRELIMINARY**  
**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This correspondence is a Preliminary Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of the Claims, which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 20 of this paper.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees not included, or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **502775**.